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Express Mail No.: EL 452 481 710 US**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of: Haberhausen *et al.*Serial No.: 09/830,838  
Based on International Application No.:  
PCT/EP99/08211

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For: NEW PRIMERS AND PROBES FOR THE  
DETECTION OF HIV

Attorney Docket No.: 4933

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below prior to the examination of the above-captioned application. Filed herewith are Exhibits A-D.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

A marked up version of the following amended paragraph is attached as Exhibit A. A clean version of the following amended paragraphs is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

On page 11 please replace the paragraph beginning "SEQ ID NO.8: *pol* gene, position 4131-4207..." with the following paragraph:

SEQ ID NO.8: *pol* gene, position 4131-4207, length 76 nucleotides.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A marked up copy of the following amended claim is attached hereto as Exhibit C. A clean version of all pending claims is attached hereto as Exhibit D.